

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Advisory Action, dated September 15, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. By this Response, claims 1-3 and 7-13 are amended, and claims 4-6 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-3, 7-13 and 26 are pending in the application with claim 26 being withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Based upon the above amendments, Applicant believes the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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